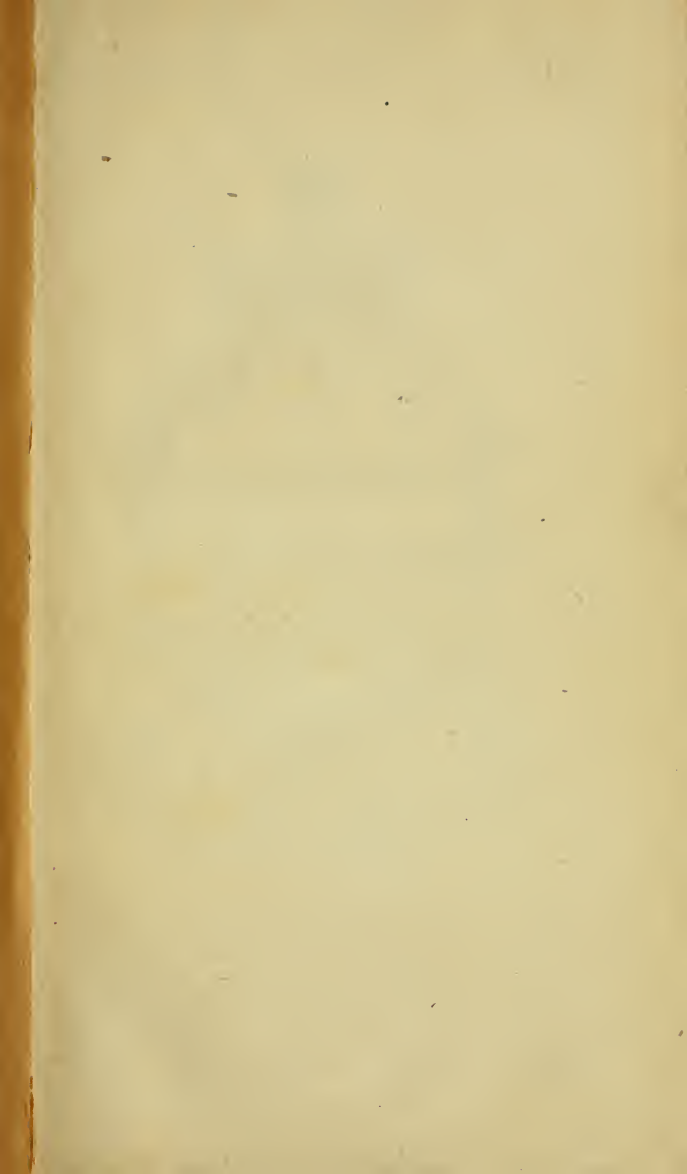


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THE AUTHOR

[Mather, John]

GENEALOGY
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FROM
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WITH
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Thou hast given a *Banner* to them that fear thee, that it
may be displayed because of the truth. — Psalms lx. 4.

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P R E F A C E .

THE writer of the following pages, containing the Genealogy of the Mather family, has endeavored to make it as complete as possible, and with that view has devoted much time and labor, in searching the ancient family records, and in carrying on a protracted correspondence with the different branches of the family located in various parts of the country. He believes it to be the most particular and full account of the family that has been published, and he wishes to embrace this opportunity to tender his thanks to those individuals who have felt sufficient interest in this work to give the author the benefit of their advice and knowledge. He is indebted to Mrs. Byles of Boston, for the names of the Father and Grandfather of the Rev. Richard Mather, which carries the account back to near the year 1500—to Capt. Andrew Mather of New-London, for the Lyme branch from Richard of the second generation, son of Timothy of Dorchester, to the seventh generation—and to Samuel Mather, Esq., of Middletown, for copies of the same, including those of the eighth generation. He has also been furnished with that part of the Lyme branch who descended from the Rev. Moses Mather of Darien, Ct., by his grand-son Joseph Mather, Esq., now a resident of Darien. Mr. Samuel Mather, of Westfield, Mass., has also contributed much information relative to the Northampton and Westfield branches of the family, as well as many items of record containing a part of the Suffield branch, the descendants of Atherton Mather, who was the son of

Timothy of Dorchester, and brother of the Rev. Samuel of Windsor. For the remainder of that branch, he is indebted to William Mather, Esq., of Simsbury. The author feels bound also to acknowledge with much gratitude the assistance rendered him by Hiram F. Mather, Esq., formerly of Elbridge, N. Y. but now of Michigan, and Gen. E. W. Leavenworth, of Syracuse, N. Y., in procuring the names of the family in Western New-York.

Had it not been for the "*Magnalia*" a complete genealogy of the Mather family, would probably never have been perfected. With that, and the numerous other aids which the author has received from the sources above alluded to, he believes the following Genealogy to be correct as far as it goes. But there are many omissions, on account of the number having emigrated to the West, and it has been found almost impracticable to procure the names of those of the *eighth* and *ninth* generations—but it is proposed to have blank leaves inserted in connection with the tables, so that our descendants may add their names and those of their families, and continue it down to a future time, if they should consider it of sufficient importance to do so.

It may be thought by some to be superfluous to head each family, in the following pages, with the names of the father and grand-father, and in some instances the great-grand-father:—but it should be remembered that there are many of the same name, which would inevitably tend to confuse the tables, unless this course was adopted. There are no less than *twenty-six* of the name of *Samuel*, and without distinguishing by adding the grand-father's name, the tables would have been so confused that it would have been difficult for any one to trace back his ancestry to the beginning.

JOHN MATHER.

MANCHESTER, CT., January 1st, 1848.

GENEALOGY
OF THE
MATHER FAMILY,
FROM ABOUT
1500 to 1847.

FIRST GENERATION.

JOHN MATHER the 1st, father of Thomas.

Thomas, son of John, resided together with his father in Lancashire, England.—(Note A.)

Richard, son of Thomas, the first of the family that came to this country, was born in 1596, came to this country in 1635, and settled in Dorchester, Mass.—(Note B.)

SECOND GENERATION.

Children of Richard, the first of the family in America.

Samuel, settled in Dublin, Ireland.—(Note C.)

Timothy, lived in Dorchester with his father,—born in England 1628 and died 1684.

Nathaniel, settled in London.—(Note D.)

Joseph, died young.

Eleazer, first Minister of Northampton, Mass.—(Note E.)

Increase, minister in Boston and President of Harvard College.—(Note F.)

THIRD GENERATION.

Children of Timothy of Dorchester, second son of the first Richard.

Samuel, minister at Windsor, Ct.—(Note G.)

Nathaniel, born July 2d, 1658.

Richard, born Nov. 22d, 1653—died Aug. 17th 1688.
Settled at Lyme, Ct.

Atherton, settled at Suffield, Ct.

Joseph, born Feb. 2d, 1661.

Children of Increase, son of Richard.

Cotton, a minister settled in Boston.—(Note H.)

Nathaniel, born July 6th, 1669 and died at Salem, Mass., Oct. 17th, 1688.—(Note I.)

Samuel, a minister at Whitney, Oxfordshire, England, who died young.

Elizabeth, married a Byles.

Maria, married a Walton.

Five other daughters, all of whom lived to be mothers, except one who died young.

Children of Eleazer, son of Richard, who settled at Northampton.

Warham, born Sept. 7th, 1666.

Eunice, born Aug. 2d, 1664, and married a Williams of Deerfield.—(Note J.)

Eliakim, born Sept. 22d, 1668.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Children of Cotton, who was the son of Increase.

Samuel, a minister in Boston.—(Note K.)

Jerusha, married a Smith of Suffield, Ct.—(Note L.)

Of the other four children who arrived at years of maturity, we have been able to obtain no account.

Children of Elizabeth Byles, daughter of Increase Mather.

Mather Byles, a clergyman of distinction.

Children of Eunice, daughter of Eleazer Mather.

Eleazer, a clergyman settled at Mansfield, Ct.

Stephen, a clergyman settled at Springfield, Mass.

Samuel, of whom nothing is known.

Warham, a minister settled at Waltham, Mass.

Eunice, continued with the Indians, after her capture at Deerfield.

Esther, of whom we can learn nothing.

John and Jerusha, were both murdered by the Indians.

Children of Richard, (who settled at Lyme, Ct.,) son of Timothy of Dorchester.

Timothy, born March 20th, 1681—Died July 25th, 1755.

Samuel, born Jan. 3d, 1684—Died July 17th, 1725.

Joseph, born Jan. 29th, 1686—Died Sept. 30th, 1749.

Elizabeth.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of Samuel of Boston, son of Cotton.

Thomas, settled in Nova Scotia.

Samuel, settled in Boston.

Increase, died at sea.

A daughter, who married a Mr. Crocker.

Children of Mather Byles, the Grandson of Increase Mather, and son of Mrs. Elizabeth Byles of Boston.

Mather Byles, a clergyman who settled in New London, Ct., and subsequently removed to Boston.

Children of Jerusha, who was the daughter of Cotton Mather, and married a Smith.

Cotton Mather Smith, who settled in Sharon, Ct.

Children of Samuel, who was the son of Richard Mather, who settled in Lyme, Ct.

Richard, born Dec. 22d, 1712.

Mary, " Nov. 14th, 1715.

Deborah, " Jan. 15th, 1718.—married a Marvin.

Lucy, " Dec. 28th, 1720.

Mehitabel, " " " 1723—Died Sept. 17th, 1741.

Children of Timothy, who was the son of Richard Mather, who settled at Lyme, Ct.

Timothy, born Oct. 9th, 1711—Died Dec. 18th, 1800.

Joseph, " Feb. 23d, 1713— " Feb. 5th, 1788.

Ruth, born Dec. 3d, 1715.

Catharine, " Jan. 11th, 1717.

Moses, was a clergyman, and settled in Darien, Ct.
(Note M.)

Children of Joseph, who was the son of Richard, as above.

Joseph, born March 15th 1715—Died 1797.

Eleazer, " Nov. 17th, 1716— " Oct. 1798.

Phebe, " March 10th, 1719.

John, " July 13th 1721—Died Jan. 1st, 1804.

Jerusha, " Feb. 11th, 1726.

Samuel, " Nov. 10th, 1728—Died Oct. 7th, 1739.

Benjamin, " Sept. 19th, 1732— " Aug. 22d, 1761.

Ann, " Sept. 22d, 1733.

Simeon, " Feb. 21st, 1736, and died soon after.

Samuel, " Oct. 7th, 1739.

SIXTH GENERATION.

*Children of Mather Byles, a clergyman who settled at
New-London, and afterwards removed to Boston.*

Sarah Byles, married a Disbury.

Mather Byles, who was a Commissary of the British
army in Boston, during the Revolutionary war.

*Children of Cotton Mather Smith, son of Jerusha, who
was the daughter of Cotton Mather, settled in Suffield.*

John Cotton Smith.—(Note N.)

*Children of Richard, the son of Samuel, who was the son
of Richard who settled at Lyme.*

Mehitabel, born March 7th, 1743—Married a Par-
sons.

Samuel, born Feb. 22d, 1745.

William, died young.

William, born Nov. 21st, 1747.

Elias, born Feb. 10th, 1750—Died Aug. 30th, 1788.

Deborah, born Oct. 3d, 1752.

Ezra, died young.

Ezra, born April 27th, 1756—Died Nov. 10th, 1758.

Sylvester, born Sept. 1st, 1758.

Polly, " March 31st, 1760.

Lucy, born March 13th, 1763.

Richard, born July 4th, 1765.

Children of Timothy, the son of Timothy, who was the son of Richard as above.

Timothy, born April 3d, 1737.

Sarah, " May 7th, 1739.

Jehoida, " Nov. 16th, 1740—Died March 11th, 1811.

John N., " Aug. 24th, 1742.

Eunice, " June 3d, 1744.

Joanna, " March 13th, 1746—Died Jan. 17th, 1747.

Reuben, " Dec. 26th, 1747.

Asaph, " Aug. 11th, 1749.

Lucy, " May 11th, 1751.

Children of Joseph, the son of Timothy, who was the son of Richard as above.

Joanna, born Oct. 13th, 1757.

Nathaniel, " May 30th, 1759.

Thomas, " Aug. 15th, 1762.

Moses, " July 14th, 1764.

Joseph, " July 4th, 1766.

Children of Eleazer, the second son of Joseph, who was the son of Richard as above.

Samuel, born Feb. 10th, 1743.

Frederick, died young.

Frederick, born June 1st, 1746.

Augustus, " June 24th, 1748.

Abby, " July 30th, 1751.

Eleazer, " June 22d, 1753.

Elisha, " March 18th, 1755.

Children of John, son of Joseph, who was the son of Richard as above.

John, born April 4th, 1746.

Simeon, born Oct. 31st, 1749—died the Nov. after.

Rebecca, " Dec. 2d, 1748.

Nancy, " Dec. 11th, 1750.

Hannah, " Dec. 25th, 1754.

Joseph, born Jan. 28th, 1757.
 Stephen, " Feb. 9th, 1759.
 Sylvanus, " Jan. 17th, 1761.
 Jerusha, " Feb. 25th, 1763.
 Dan, " March 24th, 1765.
 Jemima, " Jan. 22d, 1767.
 Mehitabel, " March 5th, 1769.

Children of Benjamin, son of Joseph, who was the son of Richard.

Irena, born July 8th 1754.
 Gibbons, born May 11th, 1756—died July 10th, 1759.
 Anna, " March 12th, 1758.
 Gibbons, " June 22d, 1760.
 William.
 Betsey, " Dec. 17th, 1763.
 Abbey, " April 16th, 1765.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Samuel, the son of Richard of the 5th generation, who was the son of Samuel of the 4th generation, who was the son of Richard who first settled at Lyme.

Anna, born Dec. 11th, 1766—married a Mr. Lord.
 Thomas, born Oct. 10th, 1768—settled in Middletown.

Samuel, " Jan. 4th, 1771— do. do.
 Phebe, " July 22d, 1772—married a Miner and settled in Middletown.

Mehitabel, " Nov. 7th, 1774—married a Mr. Sill of Lyme.

Henry, " July 31st, 1777.
 Fanny, " Dec. 13th, 1779—married a Chapman.
 Richard, " May 10th, 1782.
 James, " March 14th, 1785—settled in Lyme, and died in 1842.

Margaret, " July 16th, 1787—married a Sill of Albany.

Lydia, " Aug. 11th, 1790—married a Hubbard.

Children of Timothy, the son of Timothy of the fifth generation, who was the son of Timothy of the fourth generation, who was the son of Richard, who settled at Lyme.

Elizabeth, born April 9th, 1764—Died March 11th, 1810.

Children of William, the second son of Richard of the fifth generation, who was the son of Samuel, who was the son of Richard who settled at Lyme.

Lucy, born Aug. 11th, 1768.

Polly, " Dec. 11th, 1769.

Ezra, " Feb. 4th, 1772.

Eunice, " Dec. 20th, 1773.

Betsey.

William.

Phebe.

Richard.

Children of Elias, brother of the above.

Andrew, born Sept. 26th, 1772—now living at New-London, and commands one of the U. S. Revenue Cutters.

Clarissa, born Aug. 10th, 1774.

Elias, " June 25th, 1776.

William L., born Aug. 1st, 1779—Died in London, England, in 1802.

Sylvester, " Feb. 8th, 1782.

Nathaniel G., " Nov. 25th, 1784—Died April 4th, 1785.

Charles, " June 17th, 1787—Lost at sea.

Children of Sylvester, a brother of the above.

Anna, born May 2d, 1790.

George, " Dec. 24th, 1791.

Lois G., " July 28th, 1794.

Richard, " Oct. 31st, 1798.

Sylvester, " June 29th, 1801.

Henry, " July 9th, 1803.

William, " Aug. 14th, 1808.

Children of Jehoida, son of Timothy, who was the son of Timothy, who was the son of Richard who settled at Lyme.

Lay, born April 10th, 1768.

Ezra, " Jan. 27th, 1770.

Martha, " April 7th, 1772.

Dan, " Oct. 1st, 1774.

Sarah, " Sept. 21st, 1776.

Eunice, " Oct. 28th, 1778.

Children of Samuel, eldest son of Eleazer, who was the second son of Joseph of the fourth generation, who was the son of Richard who settled at Lyme.

Allis, born Oct. 4th, 1762.

Sarah Ann, born Sept. 13th, 1766—Died 1767.

Sarah Ann, " June 19th, 1772.

Lois, born Feb. 8th, 1776.

Lucy, " Nov. 21st, 1777.

Samuel Boerhave, born Sept. 27th, 1780—Died without issue.

John W., born Jan. 21st, 1807.

Children of Eleazer of the sixth generation, brother of the above.

Eleazer, born Dec. 30th, 1775—settled in Brooklyn, Ct.

Watrous, " March 11th, 1778.

Children of John of the sixth generation, son of John of the fifth generation, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Richard, who settled in Lyme.

Huldah, born April 16th, 1770.

Elijah, " Dec. 17th, 1772.

Hepzibah, " Feb. 4th, 1776.

John, " Sept. 27th, 1779.

Luther P., " Feb. 8th, 1782.

Joseph H., born Dec. 3d, 1789—now living at Hartford, Ct.

Children of Joseph, brother of the above.

David, born Oct. 22d, 1793.

James G., " Oct. 9th, 1795.

Moses, born Jan. 3d, 1798.

Joseph, born May 8th, 1780.

Children of Sylvanus, brother of the above.

Eunice, born Oct. 8th, 1786.

Jemima, " March 2d, 1788.

Fanny, " June 20th, 1790.

Charles, " Aug. 19th, 1792.

Guy Chadwick.

Caroline, married a Brownell.

Children of Augustus, son of Eleazer, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Richard.

Augustus.

James.

Ozias.

Eleazer W.

Children of Mehitabel, (who married a Parsons) daughter of Richard, who was the son of Samuel, who was the son of Richard.

Enoch, who settled in Hartford, Ct.—Died July 1846, leaving one son Samuel H. Parsons, Esq., of Hartford.

Children of William, who was the son of Benjamin, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Richard.

Joseph, settled in Pownal, Vt.

Samuel, " " "

Benjamin, settled in the vicinity of Nantucket.

Mansfield P., " in Middle Haddam, Ct.

Children of Gibbons, brother of the above.

Gibbons P.

Henry Wolf.

Hiram Foot, now living in Michigan.

Ralph Cotton.

Benjamin Increase, settled in Michigan.

Hannah P.

Daniel Worthington.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Andrew, now residing at New-London, son of Elias.

John P. C., born Sept. 23d, 1816.

Children of Eleazer, who was the son of Eleazer, who settled in Brooklyn, Ct.

William W., settled in Brooklyn, Ct.

Fanny.

Elizabeth.

Martha Ann.

Children of Joseph H., who was the son of John, who was the son of John, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Richard.

Joseph H. Jr., born Sept. 26th, 1820.

Samuel Webb, " Oct. 3d, 1823.

John Cotton, " May 2d, 1830.

Francis Increase, " Jan. 9th, 1835.

Henry W., " Dec. 24th, 1836.

Sarah C., " Aug. 20th, 1840.

Children of Thomas of Middletown, who was the son of Samuel, who was the son of Richard, who was the son of Samuel, who was the son of Richard of Lyme.

Elijah.

Thomas Griswold.

Frederick Samuel.

William H.

Edward.

Theodore.

Charles.

George.

Lydia.

Augusta.

Elizabeth.

Children of Samuel of Middletown, brother of the above.

Louisa Maria, married a Mansfield.

Elizabeth H. married H. N. Walton.

Janie Ann, " Thos. G. Mather.

Samuel Livingston.

Howard.

Catharine L., married a Burnham.

Henry Richard.

Children of James, who settled in Lyme, brother of the above.

Harriet, married J. W. Allen of Ohio.

Louisa, born June, 1815—Died March 21st, 1840.

Ellen, married F. S. Mather.

Francis, born 1823—married Richard S. Griswold of New-York.

Children of Hiram F., who settled at Elbridge, N. Y., son of Gibbons, who was the son of Benjamin.

Walter Gibbons.

Sally Ann.

Joseph Cole.

Laura Hannah.

David Hyde.

Ralph Taylor.

Children of Daniel W., brother of above.

Charles Gibbons.

Calistia.

Henry.

Giles.

Children of Gibbons P., brother of above.

Gibbons.

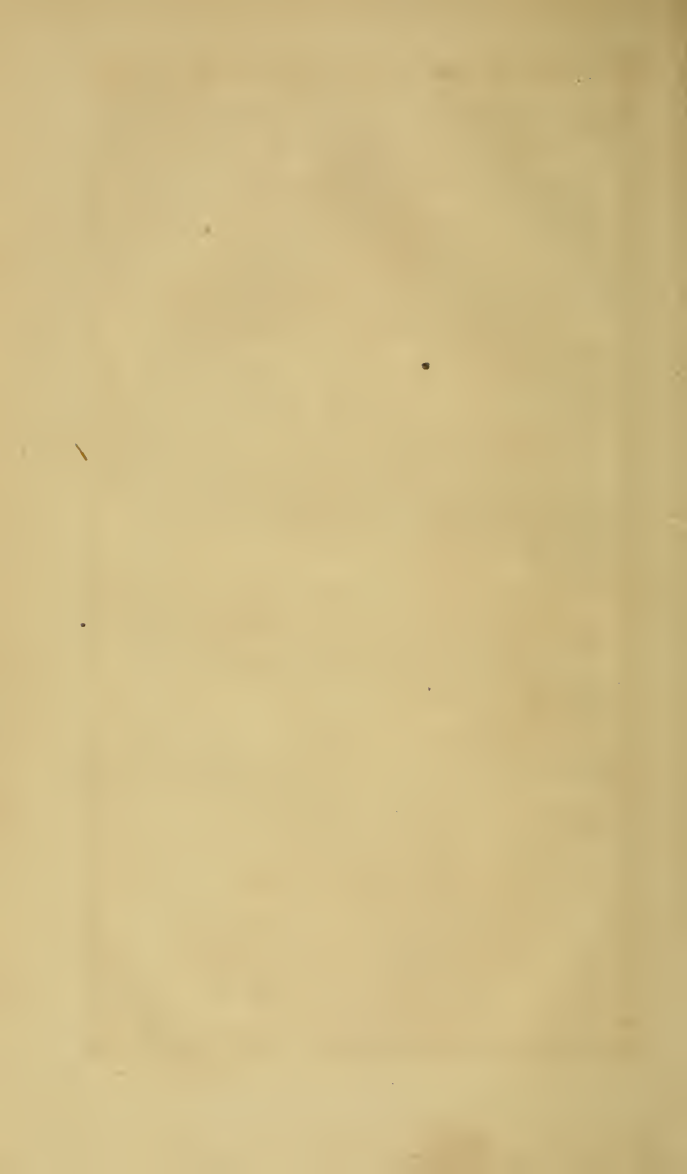
Children of Henry W., brother of above.

Mariah.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of William W., who settled at Brooklyn, Ct., who was the son of Eleazer.

Richard.



☞ Having now traced the Lyme branch of the Mather family as completely as our means of information would enable us, we now propose to go back and trace that portion of the family, descending from the Lyme branch, that settled in Darien, Ct., after which will follow a history of the Windsor and Northampton branches.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Rev. Moses Mather of Darien, Ct., son of Timothy, who was the son of Richard who settled at Lyme.

John.

Bill.

Joseph, settled at Darien.—(Note O.)

Noyes.

Moses.

Raymond.

Isaac.

Samuel.

Hannah, married Philo Betts.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Hannah, daughter of the Rev. Moses Mather.

Fanny, married a Bixbee of Rochester, N. Y.

Raymond.

Mary.

Emeline.

Electa, married a Morgan.

Hannah, " Raymond.

Elizabeth.

Rebecca.

Philo, settled in Danbury, Ct.

Lewis.

Samuel.

Charles.

Burrell.

Children of Joseph, son of Rev. Moses Mather.

Hannah, married a Selleck.

Sally, " Richards.

Moses.

Ranney.

Clara, married S. Street.

Joseph.

Nancy, married Rufus Bell.

Betsey, married Jonathan Bell—afterwards N. Lockwood.

David S.

Phebe.

Children of Noyes, brother of the above.

Henry.

Susan.

Noyes.

Raymond.

Ellihu.

James.

Eliza.

William.

Catharine.

Children of Samuel, brother of the above.

Raymond.

Isaac.

Lewis.

John.

Samuel.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Hannah, (who married a Selleck,) daughter of Joseph, who was the son of the Rev. Moses Mather.

David.

Hannah, married a Frost.

Charles G.

Polly, married Lewis Selleck.

Moses M.

Emily, married C. Waterbury.

Sarah, married a Mapes.

Isaac.

Louisa.

Nancy, married a Halsey.

Children of Sally, sister of the above, who married Noyes Richards.

Sally, married N. Roberts.

Polly, " David Gedney.

Esther, " E. E. Weed.

Charlotte, " John Dinger.

Isaac.

Elizabeth.

Charles.

Anna.

Children of Moses, brother of the above.

Lydia, married Henry Morehouse.

George.

Sally, married a Mr. Clock.

Rosannah, married C. Whitney.

Hannah, " C. Hoyt.

Nancy.

Fanny.

Betsey.

Maria.

Deborah Ann.

Joseph B.

Moses M.

Children of Joseph, brother of the above.

David B.

Sally S., married S. L. Vail.

Joseph W.

Henry B.

William F.

Children of David S., brother of the above.

William H.

Hannah.

Charles F.
 Hanuah M.
 George W.
 Sarah E.

Children of Clara, sister of the above, who married S. Street.

Jane.
 Nathaniel.
 Chauncey.
 Harriet.
 Susan.
 Mary E.
 Francis E. .

Children of Nancy, sister of the above, who married Rufus Bell.

Joseph M., (deceased.)
 Joseph M.
 Harriet.
 Daniel B.
 Ann.

Children of Betsey, sister of the above, who married Jonathan Bell for her first husband, and afterwards N. Lockwood.

Sally A. Bell.
 Ann E. Lockwood.

The list of the children of Henry, Raymond, Ellihu, James and William, sons of Noyes Mather, and grand-children of Rev. Moses —, also the children of Isaac, Lewis, John and Samuel, sons of Samuel and grand-sons of Rev. Moses, we have been unable to obtain, all of whom belonged to the Eighth Generation.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of George, son of Moses, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of the Rev. Moses Mather.

Charles M.

Moses.
George M.
Mary F.
Cordelia Ann.
Sarah L.
Sally, married a Wm. Clock.

*Children of Lydia, sister of the above, who married H.
Morehouse.*

Charles G.
Alexander.
Fanny.
Charles.
Caroline.
Wm. H.
Joseph E.
Alfred.

*Children of Sally, sister of the above, who married a
Clock.*

Rosanna.
George W.
Charles.
Sarah.
Lydia.
James H.

*Children of Rosanna, sister of the above, who married C.
Whitney.*

-William M.
Charles S.
George.
Walter.
Horace.

*Children of Hannah, sister of the above, who married C.
Hoyt.*

Nancy E.
Mary L.
Benjamin F.

Children of Jane Street, daughter of Clara Mather and S. Street.

William S. Hutchinson.

Harriet N.

Frances.

John B.

Jane A.

Children of Chauncey Street, a brother of the above.

William E.

Children of Sally S. daughter of Joseph, who married S. L. Vail.

Sarah M.

Ann Eliza.

Children of Joseph M. Bell, son of Nancy Mather, who married Rufus Bell.

Mary O.

Joseph E.

Rufus.

A. E. Bell.

William.

Children of David Selleck, son of Hannah and Charles Selleck.

David R.

Frances A.

Josiah H.

Children of Hannah, a sister of the above who married a Frost.

Hannah G.

Children of Charles G., a brother of the above.

Sylvester Selleck.

Children of Polly, a sister of the above, who married Lewis Selleck.

Symonthy.

Mary A.

Francis S.

Moses.

Charles.

Hannah.

Children of Emily, a sister of the above, who married a Waterbury.

Sarah C.

Charles.

Betsey A.

Nancy S.

Mary S.

Children of Nancy, a sister of the above, who married a Halsey.

Charles E.

Emily L.

Sarah M.

Children of Sarah, a sister of the above, who married a Mapes.

Cornelia.

Children of Sally Richards, the daughter of Sally Mather and Noyes Richards, who married N. Roberts.

Amanda.

Mary.

William H.

Charles.

Nathan S.

Children of Polly Richards, a sister of the above, who married a Gedney.

John S.

Marietta.

Sarah J.

Ann E.

Charlotte H.

David R.

Children of Charles Richards, a brother of the above.

Anna H.

Children of Esther Richards, a sister of the above, who married a Weed.

Esther M.

Charles N.
Frances E.


*Children of Charlotte Richards, a sister of the above, who
married a Dingle.*

Marietta.
George.
John.
Mary R.

TENTH GENERATION.

*Children of Amanda Roberts, daughter of Sally Richards
and N. Roberts, who married a Ball.*

Sarah.
Mary.

 We now come to the *Windsor Branch* of the family, commencing with the Rev. Samuel Mather, one of the first ministers of Windsor, who was the son of Timothy of Dorchester, and who belonged to the third generation.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Children of Rev. Samuel Mather, who settled in Windsor, Connecticut.

Samuel, was a distinguished Physician and settled at Windsor—Died Feb. 6th, 1746.—(Note P.)

Azariah, settled at Saybrook.

Nathaniel.

John.

Joseph.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of Samuel, son of Rev. Samuel Mather of Windsor.

Samuel, was a Physician and settled in Northampton, Mass.

Timothy, born April 23d, 1710—Died April 6th, 1752.

Nathaniel, “ Aug. 8th, 1716— “ Aug. 31st, 1770.

Eliakim, “ Feb. 10th, 1705— “ Sept. 1712.

Joseph, “ May 1718—Died Dec. 27th, 1732.

Charles, “ Feb. 26th, 1720— “ July 29th, 1736.

Abigail, “ Sept. 1st, 1714—married a Wolcott, and died June 9th, 1741.

Lucy, “ Feb. 18th, 1729—Died Jan. 1st, 1771.

Hannah, “ Aug. 12th, 1727— “ March 18th, 1761.

Elizabeth, born Jan. 4th, 1731.

Eliakim, " Sept. 1732.

Children of Azariah, brother of the above.

Azariah, born October, 1722—Died October, 1796.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Azariah, who was son of Azariah, who was the son of Rev. Samuel Mather of Windsor.

Hannah.

Azariah, settled at Granville, Mass.

John, died at Savanuah.

Layban.

Patty.

Betsey.

Polly.

Children of Timothy, son of Dr. Samuel Mather of Windsor.

Jasper.

Cotton.

Children of Nathaniel, a brother of the above.

Nathaniel.

Charles, born Oct. 1742—Died June 3d, 1822—was a distinguished Physician at East Windsor and Hartford. (See Note Q.)

Elijah, Died Sept. 1797.

Allen, a clergyman who settled at New-Haven. Died at Savannah, Nov. 4th, 1784.

Oliver.

John, died in the army at Kingston, N. Y.

Increase.

Timothy, a physician of respectability.

Elihu, settled in Illinois.

Elizabeth, married a Foster.

Abigail, married an Allen.

Hannah, " a Goodwin.

Roxana, not married.

Children of Eliakim, a brother of the above.

Samuel, born Feb. 10th, 1760.

Sarah, born Sept. 4th, 1757—married an Olcott.

Clarissa, " Oct. 10th, 1758.

William, died Jan. 1st, 1800.

Children of Joseph, a brother of the above.

Joseph, born 1765.

Samuel, " Dec. 6th, 1767.

Timothy, Died April, 1792.

Benajah, born 1771—Died Sept. 23d, 1808.

Elisha, " 1773— " July 14th, 1800.

Eliakim, " 1775—Died 1777.

Sally, born Dec. 12th, 1779—Died 1800.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

*Children of Nathaniel, who was the son of Nathaniel,
who was the son of Samuel, M. D.*

Roger, settled at Otis, Mass.

Children of Charles, a brother of the above.

Charles, born Nov. 30th, 1764—was a Physician
and settled in New-York.

James, born June 30th, 1771—Died Sept. 21st,
1834.

Rhoda, " Feb. 17th, 1767—married a Jones and
died in Hartford, Nov. 26th, 1847.

Ann, born Dec. 8th, 1773—never married and
now resides in Hartford.

Sarah, born June 28th, 1776—died young.

Elizabeth, " June 1778—dead.

John, born Oct. 19th, 1780—now living at Man-
chester, Ct.

Children of Elijah, a brother of the above.

Elijah, died Sept. 1797.

Return Strong, settled at Hartford, Ct.—Died 1845.

Allen M.

William.

Polly, married a Bissell and settled in Pittsfield,
Mass.

Children of Allen, a brother of the above.

Allen, was a Lawyer of respectability.

Sophia.

Children of Oliver, a brother of the above.

Oliver.

Ellsworth.

H. Treat.

Nathaniel.

Thaddens.

Jemima, married a Hyde and settled in Ellington.

Children of Increase, a brother of the above.

Increase,

Children of Timothy, a brother of the above.

Timothy.

Children of Elihu, a brother of the above.

Elihu, died young.

Richard.

Thomas.

Eli, died young.

Lebbeus, died 16 years old.

Thaddeus, a physician.

Children of Abigail, a sister of the above, who married an Allen.

Benjamin.

William.

Job, a merchant now residing at Windsor, Ct.

Timothy, a merchant now residing at Hartford, Ct.

Ann, married a Moore.

Catharine, married a Marsh.

Children of Hannah, a sister of the above, who married a Goodwin.

James M., a resident of Hartford, Ct.

Manning, died at Hartford.

Erastus, a resident of Hartford, Ct.

Roxanna, married a Wells.

Mary, married a Spencer.

Hannah, " a Wells.

Children of Samuel, who was the son of Eliakim, who was the son of Samuel, M. D.

Clarissa, married a Dixon.

Sarah.

The children of Elihu, of Elizabeth Foster, and of other members of the family belonging to the seventh generation, we have been unable to obtain.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Roger, the only son of Nathaniel, who settled in Olis, Mass.

Newton.

Rhoda.

Henry.

Eunice.

Children of Charles, who settled in New-York, who was the son of Charles, who was the son of Nathaniel, who was the son of Samuel, M. D.

Charles.

William.

Sarah.

Lucian.

Nancy.

Mary.

James.

Francis.

Children of Rhoda, who married a Jones, sister of the above.

Daniel.

Henry.

Children of John, who resides at Manchester, Ct., brother of the above.

Julia Ann, born April 2d, 1810—married an Allis of Canada.

Roselle, " July 26th, 1811— " a Hyde of Auburn, N. Y.

Harriet N., " April 10th, 1813— " a Van Anden, of Auburn, N. Y.

Eleonora, born Feb. 4th, 1815—married a Morrow, of Culloden, Georgia.

Jane Lucy, born May 22d, 1819—married a Wentworth, of Macon, Geo.

John Cotton, born Oct. 18th, 1816—married Elizabeth C. Hubbard of Manchester, Ct., and now resides at Culloden, Georgia.

Children of Elijah, who was the son of Elijah, who was the son of Nathaniel, who was the son of Samuel, M. D.

Talcott,	} all residing at Windsor, Ct.
Timothy,	
Epaphras,	
Jerusha,	

Children of Return Strong, brother of the above.

William,

Elijah.

Samuel.

Charles.

Timothy.

John.

Lydia, died young.

Mary, married a Sweetser—Died 1844.

Huldah, married a Pinney, of Tariffville, Ct.

Sarah.

Children of Allen M., a brother of the above.

Cynthia, settled at Deerfield.

Edward, " New-York.

Mary—dead.

Samuel—do.

Julia— do.

Harriet.

Sarah.

Children of Polly Bissell, who settled in Pittsfield, Mass., a sister of the above.

Mather, resides at Dubuque, Iowa.

Josiah, " Rochester, N. Y.

Horace.

Sarah, married a Hills, and settled in Auburn, N. Y.

Mary, married a Mumford, and settled at Rochester.
Aurelia, not married.

*Children of Jemima, the daughter of Oliver Mather, who
married a Hyde and settled at Ellington, Ct.*

Fanny, }
Oliver, } all of Ellington, Ct.
Jemima, }

Children of Ellsworth, a brother of the above.

Frederick Ellsworth.

Oliver Wolcott.

Laura, married a Mills.

*Children of Thaddeus, who was the son of Elihu, who
settled in Illinois, who was the son of Nathaniel.*

Caroline M.

Cornelius.

Richard Parker.

John Cotton.

Sarah M.

Calvin Easton.

NINTH GENERATION.

*Children of Julia Ann, daughter of John Mather of Man-
chester, Ct., who married an Allis.*

Solon Mather.

John Mather.

Thomas C.

Dexter—dead.

William.

Julia.

*Children of Harriet N., a sister of the above, who mar-
ried a Van Anden.*

Stephen Mather.

*Children of Eleonora, a sister of the above, who married
a Morrow.*

Julia Mather.

Hugh Edmund Mather.

*Children of Jane Lucy, a sister of the above, who married
a Wentworth.*

Edgar, born Sept. 11th, 1844—Died Sept. 30th,
1844.


Charles Edgar, born Jan. 9th, 1846.

*Children of John Cotton, of Culloden, Geo., a brother of
the above.*

John Hubbard.





 We now return to the Northampton and Westfield branch, which descended from the Windsor branch, commencing with the sixth generation, as follows:—

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Samuel Mather, M. D., who settled at Northampton, Mass., who was the son of Samuel, M. D., of Windsor, who was the son of the Rev. Samuel of Dorchester, who was the son of Timothy of Dorchester.

Samuel, born at Northampton, June 10th, 1737—settled at Westfield, Mass., and was a distinguished Physician—Died 1808.—(Note R.)

Elisha, born April 4th, 1740.

William, “ Nov. 22d, 1742—Died April 10th, 1775.

Timothy, “ May 11th, 1745.

Eunice, married Elihu Clarke of Northampton.

Martha, born Sept. 10th, 1732.

All of this family, except the eldest son, settled at Northampton. William and Timothy both lived and died in that town leaving no heirs, so that all the descendants of Dr. Mather of Northampton, are through his two eldest sons, or all by the male line. Eunice who married a Clarke has some descendants now living at Northampton and Sunderland, Mass.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Samuel, who settled at Westfield, Mass., who was the son of Samuel, of Northampton.

Grace, born Feb. 10th, 1763—married Ezra Clapp—Died 1842.

Samuel, born Dec. 13th, 1764—Died March 15th, 1789.

Lucy, born Jan. 20th, 1767—married John Lee—Died Oct. 12th, 1785, leaving one daughter, *Lucy*, who afterwards married Thomas K. Brace, Esq., of Hartford, Ct.

Roland, born Jan. 15th. 1769—Died Aug. 10th, 1784.

Erastus, “ Oct. 11th, 1770—Supposed to have been lost on board the British ship *Queen Charlotte*, which was blown up by accident off the Southern coast of France some 45 years ago.

Sophia, born Oct. 11th, 1772—married Capt. Solomon Phelps of Westfield—Died March 16th, 1794, leaving one daughter, *Sophia*, who is now the wife of Mr. James Moseley of Westfield, and has a numerous family.

John, born Feb. 27th, 1775—lived in the mansion built by his father in Westfield—died Oct. 25th, 1847.

Cynthia, born Jan. 25th, 1777—married Reuben King—Died Aug. 21st, 1799.

Thomas, born Sept. 25th, 1780—Died in 1845.

Children of Elisha, a brother of the above.

Warham, born Dec. 1763. Was a Physician of celebrity in Northampton.

Eunice, born March 13th, 1769—married a Russell.

Lucy, “ Sept. 15th, 1773.

William, “ Sept. 24th, 1776.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Eunice, who married a Russell, who was the daughter of Elisha, as above.

Samuel.

Thomas.

Theodore.


Children of Doct. Warham, brother of the above.

Elisha, was born in 1792—Died in 1840, leaving no heirs. Note S.)

Sally married a Hutchins—Died in 1830.

Children of William, brother of the above.

Timothy.
Elizabeth.
George.
Martha.
Sarah.
William.
John.

 From the above it will be seen that there is none of the Mather name now remaining at Northampton, except in the line of William, the son of Elisha, who died about 1835, leaving a family of seven children, as given in the preceding table.

Children of Grace, daughter of Dr. Samuel Mather of Westfield, who married Ezra Clapp.

Elizabeth, married Lyman Lewis of Westfield. Died young, leaving one son, Samuel C. Lewis, who is now living.

Roland, died young.

John, now resides in Leicester, Mass.

Samuel, " " at Rio Janeiro, South America.

Paul, died many years since.

James, resides at Turin, N. Y.

Joshua, died in Boston in 1841.

Mather, dead.

Horace, resides at Turin, N. Y.

Cynthia, lives with her sister in Boston.

Elizabeth, married Henry B. Stone, President of Suffolk Bank, Boston, and has seven children.

Charles, resides at Franklin, Ohio.

Children of John, a brother of the above, who married in 1797 Miss Sophia Taylor of Montgomery, Mass.

Samuel, now residing in the house built by his grandfather in Westfield—born Sept. 11th, 1798.

Sophia, married A. Fitch in 1838, and resides at Columbia, S. C.—born Aug. 21st, 1802.

Cynthia, resides in Westfield. Born Sept. 14th, 1804.

Sarah, married J. B. Eldredge in 1829, and resides at Hartford, Ct.—Born April 3d, 1807.

Roland, resides at Hartford.—Born May 31st, 1809.

Children of Thomas, a brother of the above.

Edward, died in 1817.

Mary Ann, married Joseph Langdon, and resides at Hartford, Ct.

Almira, married H. B. Smith, and resides at Westfield, Mass.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Sophia, daughter of John Mather, who married A. Fitch of Columbia, South Carolina, June 24th, 1837.

Frances, born Oct. 19th, 1842.

Children of Roland, son of John Mather, who married Mary Francis of Royalton, Vt., in 1837.

Julia Francis, born Aug. 10th, 1839.

Edward Taylor, born Aug. 30th, 1841.

John Francis, born Sept. 15th, 1844—Died Sept. 6th, 1845.

Children of Mary Ann Mather, daughter of Thomas, who married Joseph Langdon, Jan. 1st, 1835.


Edward Mather, born April 1st, 1842.

Children of Almira Mather, sister of the above, who married H. B. Smith, of Westfield.

Frances Anna.

William Henry.

Sarah Lee.

 We now come to the Suffield branch of the Mather family, beginning with the children of Atherton of the third generation, who was the son of Timothy of Dorchester, and brother of the Rev. Samuel of Windsor.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Children of Atherton Mather, son of Timothy of Dorchester, who settled in Suffield, Ct.

William.

Jerusha.

Joshua, settled in Berlin, Ct.—Died at an advanced age about the year 1788.

Thomas, was a Physician—Died in Boston, 1758.

Eliakim.

Mary.

Richard.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of William, the eldest son of Atherton Mather.

William.

Timothy.

Increase.

Aseneth.

Jerusha.

Benoui.

Seba.

Children of Joshua Mather, a brother of the above.

David.

Thomas, was a physician and lived in Farmington, Ct. He died 1766.

Hannah, married a Sugden, and settled in Canton.

Children of Eliakim Mather, a brother of the above.

Molly.

Sarah.

Lucy.

Children of Richard Mather, a brother of the above.

Charles.

Lois, married a Bull, and settled in Hartford.

Elisha.

Zachariah.

Cotton.

Mary.

Sarah.

Ann.

Lucinda, married a Shepard.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Charles Mather, son of Richard, who was the son of Atherton.

David.

Eusebius.

Deinas.

Bethel.

John.

William.

Children of Cotton Mather, brother of the above.

Cotton.

Children of Zachariah, a brother of the above.

Lucy, married John F. Fitch—resides in Hartford.

Mary.

Lucinda, married a Leavenworth—resides at Syracuse, N. Y.

Naomi, married a Williams of Canaan, N. Y.

Elizabeth.

Sybill.

Eleazer.

Lucius.

Children of William Mather, who was the son of William, who was the son of Atherton.

William.

Timothy.

Verona.

} all of Windsor, Vt.

Children of Thomas Mather, M. D., son of Joshua.
 William, born 1764—settled in Simsbury—Died 1847.

Olivia, born 1766—married a Norton.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of William Mather of Simsbury, son of Thomas.

Thomas, born 1794—resides in Illinois.

William, “ 1796— “ in Simsbury, Ct.

Sarah, “ 1798.

Samuel, “ 1800—Died young.

Phinehas, “ 1807—Died at the age of 23.

Children of Lucius Mather, son of Zachariah, who settled in Middlesex, Yates Co., N. Y.

Zachariah.

Abraham.

George.

Lucinda.

Children of Lucy Mather, daughter of Zachariah, who married John F. Fitch.

Electa, born Dec. 28th, 1788—married J. Smith—now resides at Hartford.

John, born Dec. 26th, 1790—died young.

Julia, “ April 7th, 1793.

Augustus, born Oct. 30th, 1795—resides at Columbia, S. C.

Aurelia, born Jan. 19th, 1798—resides at Hartford.

Mary Mather, born Sept. 3d, 1802—married Jos. Terry, and resides at Hartford.

Children of Lucinda, daughter of Zachariah, who married a Leavenworth.

Charles, dead.

William, resides in New-York City.

Elias W., “ “ Syracuse, N. Y., and is now or was recently President of the Corporation.

Children of Naomi, daughter of Zachariah, who married a Williams of Canaan, N. Y.

Harriet, married a Henderson of Weedsport, N. Y.

Zachariah Mather, is a Physician and resides at Syracuse, N. Y.

William Williams, is a Physican and resides at Weedsport, N. Y.

Norman Williams, resides at Canaan, N. Y.

Elizabeth, married a St. John, and resides at Weedsport.

Lucius Mather, dead.

Edwin, resides at Canaan.

Robert, died at Weedsport.

Children of Olivia Mather, who married a Norton, who was the daughter of Dr. Thomas, who was the son of Joshua.

Fanny, who married the Hon. Martin Welles of Wethersfield.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of William Mather of Simsbury, who married a Phelps, who was the son of William, who was the son of Dr. Thomas of Farmington.

Phinehas, born Aug. 1827—Died while an infant.

Thomas S., " April 24th, 1829.

William C. " Feb. 11th, 1832.

Julia M., " Aug. 1833.

Isabella P., " 1836.

NOTES AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

A.—From information given to the writer of this by Mrs. Byles, of Boston, there is no doubt that John and Thomas Mather, the father and grand-father of Richard, resided in some part of Lancashire, England, but he has been unable to learn any further particulars in relation to them.

B.—RICHARD MATHER, minister of Dorchester, Mass., was born in Lancashire, England, in 1596. At the age of fifteen he was invited to take the instruction of a school at Toxteth, near Liverpool. After suffering for some time that anxiety and distress, which the knowledge of his own character as a sinner produced, he in his eighteenth year found peace, and joy in the gospel of the Redeemer. In May, 1618, he was admitted a student of Oxford—but in a few months afterwards he became the minister of Toxteth, being ordained by the Bishop of Chester. Here he continued about fifteen years without any interruption of his benevolent labors. He preached every Tuesday at Prescott, and he always seized the opportunity which his attendance upon funerals afforded, for imparting instruction to the living. He was silenced for non-conformity to the established Church in 1633, but through the influence of his friends was soon restored. He was again suspended in 1634, as he had never worn the surplice, and could not adopt the ceremonies

which were enjoined. Having resolved to seek the peaceable enjoyment of the rights of conscience and the purity of Christian ordinances in New-England, he escaped the pursuivants, who were endeavoring to apprehend him, and embarked at Bristol, in May, 1635. On the 17th of August he arrived at Boston harbor. He was in a few months invited to Dorchester—and, as the first church had removed with Mr. Warham to Windsor, on Connecticut River, a new church was formed, of which he was constituted the teacher, August 23d, 1636. He assisted Mr. Elliot and Mr. Welde in 1640, in making the New-England version of the Psalms. The model of church discipline, which he presented to the Synod of 1648, was the one which was chiefly adopted in preference to those prepared by Mr. Cotton and Mr. Partridge. He died in the peace of the Christian, April 22d, 1669, aged seventy-three years. Though in his old age he experienced many infirmities, yet such had been his health that for half a century he was not detained by sickness so much as one Sunday from his public labors. He was a pious Christian, a good scholar, and a plain and useful preacher. He was careful to avoid foreign and obscure words, and unnecessary citation of Latin sentences, that all might understand him. While his voice was loud and distinct, there was also a vehemency and dignity in his manner. He married for his first wife Catharine Holt, daughter of Edmund Holt, Esq., of Bury, England, and by her he had six sons, four of whom were born in England and two in this country. Several of them became *distinguished ministers*. His second wife was the widow of the

famous John Cotton. He wrote the discourse about the Church covenant, and the answer to thirty-two questions, published in 1639, which pass under the name of the elders of New-England. He wrote also a modest and brotherly answer to Mr. Charles Herle's book against the independency of churches in 1644;—a reply to Mr. Rutherford, or a defence of the answer to Mr. Herle's book in 1646;—an heart-melting exhortation, &c., in a letter to his countrymen of Lancashire in 1650;—a catechism;—a treatise of justification in 1652; a letter to Mr. Hooker to prove that it was lawful for a minister to administer the sacrament to a congregation not particularly under his care;—an election sermon about 1660;—an answer to Mr. Davenport's work against the propositions of the Synod of 1662. He also prepared for the press sermons on the second Epistle of Peter, and an elaborate defence of the churches of New-England.—*Allen's Biographical Dictionary.*

C.—SAMUEL MATHER, minister of Dublin, Ireland, was the son of the preceding, and was born in Lancashire, May 13th, 1626. Accompanying his father to this country, he was graduated at Harvard College in 1643. He was appointed the first Fellow of the College, and he was held in such estimation by the students whom he instructed, that when he left them they put on badges of mourning. When he began to preach, he spent some time in Rowley as an assistant to Mr. Rogers. A church having been gathered in the north part of Boston, he was invited to take the charge of it; but after preaching there one winter, several circumstances induced him to go to England

in 1650. The church which he left, was afterwards under the pastoral care of his brother, Dr. Increase Mather. In England he was appointed Chaplain of Magdalen College, Oxford. He then preached two years at Leith, in Scotland—thence he went to Ireland in 1655, and was made a senior Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin. Here also he was settled the minister of the church of St. Nicholas, as colleague with Dr. Winter. Though he was a most liberal non-conformist, and refused several benefices, that were offered by the lord Deputy, because he did not wish to have the Episcopalian ministers displaced, yet soon after the restoration he was suspended on a charge of sedition. Returning to England, he was minister at Burton Wood till he was ejected by the Bartholomew act in 1662. He afterwards gathered a church at his own house in Dublin, where he died in peace October 29th, 1671, in the forty-sixth year of his age. He was succeeded by his brother, Mr. Nathaniel Mather. As a preacher he held the first rank, and his name was known throughout the kingdom. His discourses were remarkable for clearness of method. It was his constant desire to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, and to promote the objects for which He died. He published a wholesome caveat for a time of liberty in 1652;—a defence of the protestant religion against popery in 1671;—an irenicum, or an essay for union among the presbyterians, independents, and anabaptists;—a treatise against stunted liturgies;—a piece against Valentine Greatarick, who pretended to cure diseases by stroking;—a course of sermons on the types of the

old testament, with some discourses against popish superstitions.—*Ib.*

D.—NATHANIEL MATHER, minister in London, was the son of Rev. Richard Mather and brother of the preceding, and was born in Lancashire, March 20th, 1630. After his arrival in this country with his father, he was educated at Harvard College, where he was graduated in 1647. He afterwards went to England and was presented to the living at Barnstaple by Oliver Cromwell in 1656. Upon his ejection in 1662, he went into Holland and was a minister at Rotterdam. About the year 1671 or 1672, he succeeded his brother Samuel Mather, at Dublin. Thence he removed to London, where he was pastor of a congregational church, and one of the lecturers at Pinner's Hall. He died July 26th, 1697, aged 67 years. He was buried in the burying ground near Bunhill fields, and there is upon his tombstone a long Latin inscription written by the Rev. Dr. Watts, which ascribes to him a high character for genius, learning, piety, and ministerial fidelity. He published the righteousness of God by faith upon all who believe, 1694;—a discussion of the lawfulness of a pastor's officiating in another's church;—twenty-three sermons preached at Pinner's Hall and Lime-street, taken in short hand as they were delivered, but most of them corrected by himself 1701;—and a Fast sermon.—*Ib.*

E.—ELEAZER MATHER, first minister of Northampton, Mass., was the son of the Rev. Richard Mather and brother of the preceding, and was born May 13th, 1637. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1656.

Having preached about two years at Northampton, when a church was gathered there in 1661, he was ordained its minister on the 23d of June. He died July 24th, 1669, aged 39 years, having been admired as a man of talents and exalted piety, and as a zealous and eminently useful preacher. After his death there was published from his manuscripts in 1671 a serious exhortation to the succeeding and present generation in New-England, being the substance of his last sermons.—*Ib.*

F.—INCREASE MATHER, D. D. President of Harvard College, was also a son of the Rev. Richard Mather and brother of the preceding, and was born at Dorchester, June 21st, 1639. He was graduated at the College, which was afterwards entrusted to his care, in 1656. Beginning to preach in the next year, and being invited by his brother to Dublin, he embarked for England, July 3d, 1657, and after an absence of four years returned in August, 1661. In the next month he was invited to preach at the north church in Boston, though he was not ordained there till May 27th, 1664. Two years before this, when the controversy respecting the subjects of baptism was agitated, he opposed the results of the synod, but being convinced by the arguments of Mr. Mitchel, he afterwards defended the synodical propositions. He was a member of the synod of 1769, and drew up the result and the preface to it, which were then agreed upon. When King Charles II expressed his wish that the Charter of Massachusetts might be resigned into his hands in 1683, Dr. Mather zealously opposed a compliance with his Majesty's pleasure. In 1688 he

sailed for England as agent of the Province, to procure redress of grievances. After several years of important services, he returned with a new Charter, and arrived at Boston, May 14th, 1692. He had the sole nomination of the first Governor. After his arrival the General Court appointed a day of public Thanksgiving for his safe return, and for the settlement of the Government. During the witchcraft delusion he opposed the violent measures which were adopted. He wrote a book to prove that the devil might appear in the shape of an innocent man, by means of which a number of persons, convicted of witchcraft, escaped the execution of the sentence. After the death of Mr. Oakes in 1681, the care of Harvard College devolved upon him. But as his church refused to relinquish him, he only made weekly visits to Cambridge until the appointment of President Rogers in the following year. After his death he was again called to the Presidency of the College, June 11th, 1685, and he continued in this station till Sept. 6th, 1701, when he resigned in consequence of an act of the General Court, requiring the President to reside at Cambridge. He was unwilling to leave his church, though his son, Dr. Cotton Mather, had been settled as his colleague for a number of years. Mr. Willard succeeded him at the College. After a long life of benevolent exertion, he died in Boston August 23d, 1723, in the 85th year of his age, having been a preacher *sixty-six years*, sixty-two of which were passed in the ministry in Boston.

He was a man of great learning and of extensive influence and usefulness. Soon after his return from

England he procured an act authorizing the college to create Bachelors and Doctors of Theology, which power was not given by its former charter. As President he was careful not only to give the students direction in their literary pursuits, but also to impart to them religious instruction. He frequently called them one by one into the library, and there with the affection of a parent and the fidelity of a minister of the gospel he would confer with them respecting the salvation of their souls, and solemnly charge them to renounce their sins, to embrace the gospel, and to devote themselves to the service of God. He usually preached to them every week, and his sermons both at Cambridge and in Boston, were designed to impress the conscience as well as to enlighten the mind. He considered him as the best preacher, who taught with the greatest simplicity. His delivery was somewhat peculiar. He usually spoke with deliberation, but at times, when uttering an impressive sentence, his voice became the voice of thunder. Always committing his sermons to memory, he never used his notes in the pulpit. Sixteen hours in every day were commonly spent in his study, and in his retirement he repeatedly addressed himself to the Lord, his Maker. He always kept a diary designed for his improvement in religion. Such was his benevolence, that he devoted a tenth part of all his income to charitable purposes. He married Maria, the youngest daughter of Mr. John Cotton, by whom he had ten children. His portrait is in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and also in the Connecticut Historical Society at Hartford.

The following is a list of his publications:—The mystery of Israel's Salvation, 1669;—the life and death of Mr. Richard Mather, 1670;—Wo to Drunkards, 1673;—the day of trouble near; important truths about conversion, 1674;—the first principles of New-England;—a discourse concerning the subject of baptism, and consociation of churches;—the wicked man's portion;—the times of men in the hands of God, 1675;—history of the war with the Indians from June 24th, 1675, to August 12th, 1676, with an exhortation to the inhabitants, 1676;—a relation of troubles of New-England from the Indians from the beginning;—an historical discourse on the prevalency of prayer; renewal of covenant; the duty of decaying and distressed churches, 1677;—pray for the rising generation, 1678;—a call to the rising generation, 1679; the divine right of infant baptism;—the great concernment of a covenant people;—heaven's alarm to the world, 1680; animadversions upon a narrative of the baptists, 1681;—diatriba de signo filii hominis; practical truths;—the church a subject of persecution, 1682;—cometographia, or a discourse concerning comets, 1683; remarkable providences;—the doctrine of divine providence, 1684;—an arrow against profane and promiscuous dances, 1685;—the mystery of Christ;—the greatest of sinners exhorted;—a sermon on the execution of a poor man for murder, 1686;—a testimony against superstitions, 1687;—de successu evangelii apud Indos epistola, 1688;—the unlawfulness of using common prayer, and of swearing on the book, 1689;—several papers relating to the state of New-England;—the revolution justified, 1690;—the

blessing of primitive counsellors;—cases of conscience concerning witchcraft;—an essay on the power of a pastor for the administration of sacraments, 1693; whether a man may marry his wife's own sister;—solemn advice to young men, 1695;—angelographia, a treatise of angels, 1696;—a discourse on man's not knowing his time;—the case of conscience concerning the eating of blood, 1697;—David serving his generation, a funeral sermon, 1698;—the surest way to the highest honor;—on hardness of heart;—the folly of sinning, 1699;—the order of the gospel vindicated, 1700;—the blessed hope, 1701;—remarks on a sermon of Geo. Keith;—Ichabod, or the glory departing, an election sermon; the Christian religion the only true religion;—the excellency of public spirit, 1702;—the duty of parents to pray for their children; soul-saving Gospel truths, 1703;—the voice of God in stormy winds;—practical truths to promote holiness, 1704;—meditations on the glory of Christ, 1705;—a discourse concerning earthquakes;—a testimony against sacrilege; a dissertation concerning right to sacraments, 1706;—meditations on death;—a disquisition concerning right to sacraments, 1707;—a dissertation wherein the strange doctrine of Mr. Stoddard is refuted, 1708;—on the future conversion of the Jews, confuting Dr. Lightfoot and Mr. Baxter, 1709;—concerning faith and prayer for the kingdom of Christ;—artillery election sermon on being very couragious;—awakening truths tending to conversion, 1710;—meditations on the glory of the heavenly world;—a discourse concerning the death of the righteous;—the duty of the children of godly parents,

1711;—burnings bewailed;—remarks upon an answer to a book against the common prayer;—meditations on the sanctification of the Lord's day, 1712;—a plain discourse showing who shall and who shall not enter into Heaven;—a funeral sermon for his daughter in law, 1713;—resignation to the will of God, on the death of his consort, 1714;—Jesus Christ a mighty Saviour, and other subjects, 1715;—a disquisition concerning ecclesiastical councils;—there is a God in Heaven;—the duty and dignity of aged servants in God, 1716;—a sermon at the ordination of his grandson;—sermons on the beatitudes;—practical truths plainly delivered with an ordination sermon, 1718;—five sermons on several subjects, one of them on the author's birth-day, 1719;—a testimony to the order of the churches, 1720;—advice to children of godly ancestors, a sermon concluding the Boston lectures on early piety; several sheets in favor of inoculation for the small pox, 1721;—a dying Pastor's legacy;—Elijah's mantle, 1722.—*Ib.*

G.—SAMUEL MATHER, a son of Timothy, settled in Windsor, Ct., and was a clergyman of considerable celebrity. He was born July 5th, 1651, and died March 18th, 1726. He was the happy means of settling serious differences between the two churches in Windsor. [*See Trumbull's History of Connecticut.*] He had five sons, one by the name of Samuel, who was a practising Physician of celebrity and lived at Windsor, and who was the progenitor of the Northampton and Westfield branch of Mathers.

H.—COTTON MATHER, D. D. F. R. S. was a minister in Boston, son of Increase and grandson on his

mother's side of Mr. John Cotton. He was born in Boston, February 12th, 1663. Distinguished for early piety, when he was a school boy he endeavored to persuade his youthful companions frequently to lift up their hearts to their Maker and Heavenly friend, and he even wrote for them some forms of devotion. He had also the courage to reprove their vices. At the age of fourteen he began to observe days of secret fasting and prayer, reading commonly fifteen chapters in the Bible every day. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1678, having made uncommon proficiency in his studies. At this early period of his life he drew up systems of the sciences, and wrote remarks upon the books which he read, and thus matured his understanding. At the age of seventeen he approached the Lord's table with affectionate reliance upon Jesus Christ for salvation. Having been occupied for some time in the study of theology, he was ordained minister of the north Church in Boston as colleague with his father May 13th, 1684. Here he passed his days unwearied and unceasing in his exertions to promote the glory of his Maker, and the highest welfare of his brethren. He died in the assurance of Christian faith February 13th, 1728, aged sixty-five years. He was a man of unequalled industry, of vast learning, of unfeigned piety, and of most disinterested and expansive benevolence. He was also distinguished for his credulity, for his pedantry, and for his want of judgment and taste. No person in America had so large a library, or had read so many books, or retained so much of what he read. So precious did he consider time, that to prevent visits of unnecessary length, he

wrote over his study door in capital letters, "*Be Short.*" Still his manners were never morose, but easy and obliging. His social talents and his various knowledge rendered his conversation interesting and instructive. Every morning he usually read a chapter of the Old Testament in Hebrew, and another in the French, and a chapter of the New-Testament in Greek. Besides the French he understood also the Spanish and Iroquois, and in these languages he published treatises. There were two Books, in which he every day wrote something. In the one, which he called his *quotidiana*, he transcribed passages from the authors which he read. In the other, which was his *Diary*, he noted the events of the day, his imperfections and sins, and every thing which might subserve his religious improvement. By this *Diary* it appears, that in one year he kept sixty fasts and twenty vigils, and published fourteen books, besides discharging the duties of his pastoral office. As a minister of the gospel he was most exemplary. Always proposing in his sermons to make some particular impression upon the minds of his hearers, the whole discourse had relation to this object, and he endeavored to make his sentences short, that those who took notes might do it with the more ease. His discourses without doubt were equal in length to those of his brethren, which he himself informs us usually went a good way into the second hour. He kept a list of the members of his church, and frequently prayed for each separately. Those especially whose cases had been mentioned on the Sabbath in the house of public worship, were remembered by him in his secret addresses to the throne

of Grace. He usually allotted one or two afternoons in a week to visiting the families of his congregation, and in these visits he addressed both the parents and the children, exhorting the former to faithfulness, and endeavoring to instruct the latter by asking them questions, and recommending to them secret prayer and the reading of the scriptures. When he left them he recommended to their consideration a particular text of scripture. As he published many pious books, he was continually putting them into the hands of persons, to whom he thought they would be useful. His success seemed to correspond with his fidelity. In the first year of his ministry about thirty were added to his church, and he received the benedictions of many dying believers, who spoke of his labors as the means of their salvation. He promoted the establishment of several useful societies, particularly a society for suppressing disorders and for the reformation of manners, and a society of peace-makers, whose object was to prevent lawsuits and to compose differences. He arranged the business of every day in the morning, always inquiring by what means he could be useful to his fellow-men, and endeavoring to devise new methods of doing good. He did not content himself with contriving plans, but vigorously executed them. When he travelled, he commonly had for a companion some young gentleman, to whom he might impart instruction, and he used to pray with him in private, when they lodged together. Notwithstanding his benevolent labors and unwearied industry, he expressed the greatest humility, and spoke of his days as passed in sloth and sin. Dr. Mather took

some interest in the political concerns of his country, and on this account as well as on account of his faithful reproof of iniquity he had many enemies. Many abusive letters were sent him, all of which he tied up in a packet and wrote upon the cover "*LIBELS—Father forgive them.*" Though he derived much satisfaction from his theological and literary pursuits, yet he declared, that in performing an act of benevolence to some poor and suffering Christian, he found much higher pleasure. In his Diary he says, "as for the delights of the world, I know of none comparable to those which I take in communion with my Saviour. As for the riches of this world, I use no labor for them. In my Saviour I have unsearchable riches, and in my fruition of him I have a full supply of all my wants. As for the honors of this world, I do nothing to gain honors for myself. To be employed in the Lord's work, for the advancement of his kingdom, is all the honor that I wish for."

Dr. Mather's publications amounted to *three hundred and eighty-two*! Many of them indeed were small, such as single sermons, but others were of considerable magnitude. His essays to do good, 12 mo. 1710, is a volume peculiarly excellent, and has been reprinted in England. Dr. Franklin ascribed all his usefulness in the world to his reading it in early life. His Christian philosopher, 8 vo. 1721, was much admired in England. His directions for a candidate of the ministry, 12 mo. 1725, gained him a vast number of letters of thanks. Others of his larger works are the life of his father, and *ratio disciplinæ fratrum Nov-Anglorum*, or an account of the discipline professed

and practised in the churches of New-England. But his largest and most celebrated work is his *Magnalia Christi Americana*, or the ecclesiastical history of New-England from its first planting in 1625 to the year 1698, in seven books, folio, 1702. His style abounds with puerilities, puns and strange conceits, and he makes a great display of learning;—but no man was so thoroughly acquainted with the history of New-England, and he has saved numerous and important facts from oblivion. In the work are contained biographical accounts of many of the first settlers, both Governors and Ministers. It appears that he gave full credit to the stories of witchcraft—but he was not singular in his credulity. Even Dr. Watts wrote to him, “I am persuaded that there was much immediate agency of the devil in those affairs, and perhaps there were some real witches too.” The catalogue of his publications in his life, written by his son, occupies *eighteen pages*, and the whole therefore could not with convenience be inserted here. He published funeral sermons on John Bailey, 1697; Mary Brown, 1703; Sarah Leverett, 1704; Michael Wigglesworth, 1705; J. Winthrop, 1707; Ezekiel Cheever and John Higginson, 1708; Jerusha Oliver, 1709; Elizabeth Hutchinson, 1712; Mary Rock and Elizabeth Mather, 1713; Sarah Ting and Maria Mather, 1714; Thomas Bridge and Melitabel Gerrish, 1715; Catharine Mather, 1716; Robert Kitchen, Hannah Sewell and Wait Winthrop, 1717; Thomas Barnard, 1718; James Keith and Joseph Gerrish, 1719; Abigail Sewall, 1720; Frances Webb and Abigail Willard, 1721; Joseph Belcher and Increase Mather

1723; Gov. Saltonstall and Thomas Walter, 1724; Abigail Browne, 1725; Elizabeth Cotton and Elizabeth Cooper, 1726; William Waldron and Peter Thacher, 1727. Among his other works, which are principally occasional sermons or pious tracts, is the wonders of the invisible world, 1692; and Psalterium Americanum, or the book of Psalms in blank verse, with illustrations, 1718. Besides his numerous publications, he left behind him in manuscript the Angel of Bethesda, in which he placed under every disease not only suitable religious instructions, but the most simple and easy medicines;—a large treatise, designed to promote union among Protestants; Goliathus detruncatus against Mr. Whiston, to prove that most of the ante-Nicene fathers were orthodox and not Arian; and Biblia Americana, or the sacred scriptures of the Old and New Testament illustrated. This learned work, comprising three volumes, is now in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Mr. Mather was *three times* married. In his 24th year he was married to Abigail Phillips, daughter of the Hon. Mr.—Phillips of Charlestown, by whom he had nine children, four only of whom arrived to man's and woman's estate. Mrs. M. died in 1702. On the 18th August 1703, Dr. M. married widow Elizabeth Hubbard, daughter of Dr. John Clarke, for his second wife. With her he lived ten years and had six children, only two of whom lived to grow up, one the Rev. Samuel Mather of Boston. In his fifty-fifth year Dr. M. married a widow lady, the daughter of Rev. Samuel Lee, for his third wife—the marriage taking place July 5th, 1715.

I.—NATHANIEL MATHER, a brother of Cotton, was a great scholar, and a man of extensive influence. [See his life written by his brother Cotton, in the *Magnalia*, Vol. 2d, page 128.]

J.—EUNICE WILLIAMS, was the daughter of Eleazer Mather of Northampton, and married the Rev. John Williams of Deerfield. This family, except Eleazer the eldest son who was absent from home at the time, were captured by the Indians, February 29th, 1704. Mrs. W. having been confined but a few weeks before and being unable to walk a great distance, was subjected to the most inhuman treatment. In passing a river she was plunged "over head and ears" in the water, in contempt of her bodily weakness, after which being unable to travel on foot, the cruel and blood-thirsty savages murdered her in cold blood. This took place at the foot of a mountain, over which the Indians were to pass. The body of Mrs. W. was afterwards found and received a decent burial. Mrs. W. a short time previous to her being murdered, being sensible that her strength was failing and that she could not travel much farther, bade her husband and family an affectionate and last farewell, and quietly submitted to her fate. At this distressing massacre of the inhabitants of Deerfield, forty-three of the people were murdered at once, with Mrs. W. and two of her children, and ninety one were carried captive to Canada, and among the latter was the husband of Mrs. W. and five of her children. A more particular account of this lamentable scene may be found in the "Redeemed Captive returning to Zion," written by the Rev. John Williams, and in a Sermon preached

by him on his return in Boston, Dec. 5th, 1706, from these words—"Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee." Eunice Williams, a daughter of the above-named Eunice, who was captured with her mother, never returned among her civilized and Christian friends. She married an Indian, by whom she had a son named Eleazer Williams, who was ordained a Deacon and was for many years a Missionary to the Indians in the north part of the State of New-York and Canada, and subsequently at Green Bay. The following extract from the 4th edition of an Appendix to the "Redeemed Captive returning to Zion," by Mr. Prince, which was published at New-London in 1757, furnishes us some information in relation to what become of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Williams:—"When Deerfield was destroyed in February 1704, it was in the first year of my living at Harvard College, and I well remember how generally and how greatly affected were the good people of this Province, (Mass.,) with that terrible disaster. The eldest son of Mr. Williams, Eleazer, being then in another town, escaped that calamity. The next Commencement, by the encouragement and help of divers charitable people, especially in Boston, he entered Harvard College, and living in the chamber over me, I fell into an intimate acquaintance with him, and found him a person of eminent piety, humility, sincerity, and sweetness of temper like his father. He took his first degree in 1708, and became the faithful pastor of the church in Mansfield, Ct., until he died." (Trumbull's History of Connecticut speaks of this

clergyman of Mansfield as *Ebenezer Williams*, which must be an error.)

The extract continues—"By the like kind of encouragement the Rev. Mr. Williams had his son *Stephen Williams* educated at Harvard College, who took his first degree in 1713. He was afterwards ordained pastor of a church in Springfield, (Mass.,) and is so extensively known and valued, that his name only need be mentioned—as also that of his son Warham, who took his first degree in 1719 and became the worthy pastor of the church in Waltham, formerly a part of Watertown, where he continued to labor till his death."

K.—SAMUEL MATHER, D. D. minister in Boston, and son of Rev. Cotton Mather was graduated at Harvard College in 1723. He was ordained in the same church in which his father was settled, as colleague with the Rev. Mr. Gee, June 21st, 1732. In about ten years a separation took place by mutual agreement, in consequence, it is believed, of a difference of views in regard to the revival of religion, which took place at that period. A church was built for him in Bennett street, Boston, by persons who withdrew with him from the old north church. He was their pastor till his death June 27th, 1785, at the age of 79 years. He was buried, by his own direction, without any ceremony. A society of Universalists purchased his church and still continue to occupy it. Dr. Mather published a sermon on the death of William Waldron, 1727; of his father, 1728; life of his father, 8 vo. 1729; essay on gratitude, 1732; on the death of Queen Caroline, 1738; an apology for the liberties of the church-

es in New-England, 8 vo. 1738; artillery election sermon, 1739; on the death of T. Hutchinson, Esq., 1740; of the Prince of Wales, 1751; of William Welsted and Ellis Gray, 1753; dissertation on the name of Jehovah, 1760; Convention sermon, 1762; essay on the Lord's Prayer 1766, and "all men will not be saved forever," 1781.—*Allen's Biographical and Historical Dictionary, published in Boston, 1809.*

L.—JERUSHA MATHER, a daughter of the Rev. Cotton, married a Smith of Suffield, Ct., by whom she had one son, the Rev. Cotton Mather Smith, who lived and died in Sharon, Ct. A somewhat extended notice of him may be found in the Connecticut Evangelical Magazine for April, 1809. He was born in Suffield Oct. 16th, 1731, and died Nov. 27th, 1806, in the 76th year of his age.

M.—REV. MOSES MATHER, D. D. son of Timothy of Lyme, who was the son of Richard, the first emigrant from Dorchester, was born in Lyme, Ct., Feb. 23d, 1719, and died at Darien, Ct., Sept. 21st, 1806. He was educated at Yale College, of which he was a Fellow thirteen years. He was subsequently settled at a place called in that day *Middlesex*, a parish in what was then the town of Stamford, but which has since been constituted the town of Darien. He raised a large family of children, and it has been stated that his children, grand-children and great-grand children numbered *one hundred and thirty-two*. He suffered much in consequence of his zeal in the cause of the American Revolution, having been twice taken captive and carried to New-York and imprisoned. The following extracts from the Connecticut Journal

will afford some idea of the state of the times in which he lived.

“The Rev. Moses Mather of Stamford and two of his sons are lately returned from captivity at New-York. Mr. Mather was taken from his own house about five weeks since, with four of his sons, by a gang of eight Tories, five of whom had been his parishoners. The other two sons are not exchanged.”

—*Connecticut Journal*, Sept. 8th, 1779.

“Sunday last, in the afternoon, a party of the enemy surprised the congregation of Middlesex, between Norwalk and Stamford, while attending divine service in the meeting-house, and made prisoners of about forty citizens, including the Rev. Mr. Mather, minister of the Parish. The surprise was so complete that only four or five persons escaped—one of them being a son of Mr. Mather, who was slightly wounded in the leg as he was running off. The prisoners were carried to the water-side and put on board two armed vessels, which at that instant came to, supposed by previous appointment. The enemy also took away a number of horses, with saddles, &c. A few of the inhabitants collected, who exchanged some shot with the enemy, and one or two were seen to fall, but whether mortally wounded is not known. One of the enemy was taken prisoner. The enemy’s party consisted of about forty, who came over the night before, from Lloyd’s Neck, in seven boats, which they carried into a thick swamp near the meeting-house, where they concealed themselves until they rushed out and surprised the congregation as above. This is

the second time that Mr. Mather has been a prisoner with the enemy."—*Connecticut Journal*, July 26th, 1781.

For a more detailed and particular account of these troubles, see "Connecticut Historical Collections," page 381 and 382.

N.—HON. JOHN COTTON SMITH, of Sharon, Ct., was one of the prominent public men of his day, and deserves a brief notice at our hands. He was born Feb. 12th, 1765, and died "full of honors and full of years" Dec. 7th, 1845. His early years were constantly under the care and direction of a faithful and devoted mother and well selected teachers, and at the age of 15 years he entered Yale College. He graduated in 1783, the year of peace with England, and immediately commenced the study of the law. In 1786 he was admitted to the Bar, where he soon rose to reputation and a lucrative practice. Such success leads almost always into politics. Possessed of a hereditary station in the public confidence, and meriting it not only by his talents and worth, but by manners which more than all others command a personal ascendancy, he seems quite early to have been called into public life. In 1793 he became a member of the Connecticut Legislature, which station he occupied every year until 1800, when he was elected a Representative in Congress, which place he filled for several years with great credit to himself and his constituents. In 1807 he accepted a seat in the judiciary of his State, where he acquitted himself admirably until 1811, when he was made Lieutenant Governor of the State. The year following he succeeded to the Gubernatorial chair, to which he continued to be re-elected until

1817, when a radical change being proposed to the Constitution of the State, he withdrew from public life. He was the last Governor under the old *regime*, and went out of office in consequence of a political revolution in the State, which has ever since constituted an important epoch in the history of Connecticut. After his retiracy to private life, the position which he occupied in society was a complete realizing of the ideal of a *country gentleman*, and an illustration of the strong and healthful influence which rank and wealth, and the accomplishments of learning and manners, may exert upon a people. Elevated above all around him by the official honors he had so nobly worn—possessed of an ample estate, which enabled him to live in a style of dignified simplicity suited to his station—and standing among his townsmen as the scion of an honored stock that for more than half a century had struck its roots deep in their soil, he entered on the last great period of his life a recognized guide and leader of men. And seldom are such gifts and instruments of usefulness turned to nobler account. He was a fountain of ennobling and purifying influences, and all loved and revered him. Vice stood abashed and insolence rebuked in his presence, while his generous and public-spirited disposition almost necessarily made him prominent in every useful work. Gov. Smith seems to have worthily closed the long line of Chief Magistrates of Connecticut in whom the principles of a former era were represented, and to shed around the last days of the *Old Commonwealth* the lustre it had in the times of Haynes, and Winthrop, and Saltonstall. His State papers

breathe the spirit of religious reverence and faith—he speaks in them as a Christian ruler, the head and organ of a Christian people, unfolding the dealings of Almighty God and summoning them to acts of lowly worship at his feet.

The following letter from Gov. SMITH to the author of these pages is subjoined, for the purpose of shewing the interest he felt in this work, and also his estimation of the slanderers of his great-grandfather, Rev. COTTON MATHER, D. D.

SHARON, 23d June, 1838.

SIR—I have received your letter, and should be truly happy to aid you in your laudable attempt to bring down the genealogy of the *Mather family* “from Richard Mather to the present generation.” But there are no documents in my possession which can afford you any essential service. The little knowledge I possess on the subject is confined to the particular branch with which I am connected. My father’s mother was Jerusha Mather, daughter of Cotton Mather, (after whom my father was named,) grand-daughter of Increase Mather, great-grand-daughter of Richard Mather; and as Increase Mather married the daughter of Rev. John Cotton, she was his great-grand-daughter, also. I derive my name from the ancestor last mentioned. My grandmother died in this town, in November, 1789, in the 90th year of her age. For sketches of the lives of the Rev’ds Richard Mather, of his four ministerial sons, including Rev. Dr. Increase Mather, the Rev. Dr. Cotton Mather, and his son Rev. Dr. Samuel Mather, I would

refer you to President ALLEN's *American Biographical and Historical Dictionary*, where their births and deaths are given, and no doubt with accuracy. It is not in my power to give further particulars relative to the intermediate descendants between those above-named and the present generation. I have known several respectable gentlemen, branches of the same stock, but can afford no particular information concerning them. I have not seen the publication to which you refer, derogatory to the character of Dr. Cotton Mather; but sir, give yourself no uneasiness on that score. The character of that truly eminent scholar and divine is placed *beyond the reach of the utmost efforts of envy and detraction.*

Respectfully yours,

J. C. SMITH.

N. B. A biographical notice of my father may be found in the Connecticut Evangelical Magazine, for April, 1809. He was born at Suffield, 16th Oct. 1731, and died 27th Nov. 1806, in the 76th year of his age, and fifty-second of his ministry in this town.

O.—DEA. JOSEPH MATHER, the son of the Rev. Moses, was an influential and estimable citizen of the town of Darien, and for many years wielded a very important influence in the affairs of that town. Like his father, he suffered many trials in consequence of the depredations of the Tories in that vicinity, about the time of the American Revolution. This part of Connecticut, as is well known, was greatly annoyed by the Tories during the period that the British held possession of Long Island, and it is stated that *forty-one Tories* went from the Parish to which Mr. Mather

belonged, and, with other kindred spirits, fortified themselves on Lloyd's Neck, from thence often visiting the main shore for plunder. To prevent their depredations as much as possible, the inhabitants were under the necessity of stationing sentinels along the *Sound*. One night, as Dea. Joseph Mather and Capt. Slason, his neighbor, were keeping a *look out* on the coast, they saw two Tories, old acquaintances of theirs, approaching the shore in a small boat, with articles on board to trade with their *friends*. They had no sooner landed, than men and boat were taken possession of by these lookers-out. But while the new owners were employed in unloading the boat, they carelessly laid down their arms on the beach. One of the Tories, named Smith, (whose wife, after his death, became the wife of Capt. Slason,) seized Capt. S's. gun, and cried out to his comrade, "You take Jo's." Capt. S. hearing this, sprung upon his antagonist and threw him with violence upon the rocks, thus giving him to understand that it was not so easy a matter to gain the day, when he had such men to contend with. At another time, as Dea. Mather and several others were on guard one evening, as they were seated on some logs amusing themselves, they were fired upon by a party of Tories, and two of their number mortally wounded. The rest took to flight, and by crossing the mill-dam at "Rings End" escaped the enemy. The Tories coming up to those whom they had wounded, said to one of them whose name was Zachariah Hoyt, "Cousin Zach, is this you?" "Yes," groaned out the dying man.

As Dea. Mather's house was back a mile or so from

any public road, many of the neighbors carried their silver ware and many other valuable articles to it for safe keeping. By some means, however, the Tories became acquainted with this fact, and a large gang of them came over one night, and placing their bayonets at the breast of Mrs. Mather, demanded of her where the silver was deposited. She was obliged to point out the spot, and after they had taken possession of it and whatever else they wanted, they then compelled Mrs. M. who had a nursing child at her breast, to make warm cakes and get supper for the whole party. When they retired, they compelled Dea. Mather to accompany them to the shore lest he should give the alarm. This was in the spring of 1781. In July of the same year, as the congregation were assembled in the meeting-house one Sabbath day, a party of forty Tories, who had concealed themselves in the neighboring woods till divine service had commenced in the afternoon, suddenly surrounded the Church and set guards at each door and window. When the alarm was first given, Dea. Mather and one of his brothers who happened to sit near the door, sprang out and escaped. But another of his brothers who was further from the door, seized his hat and started, but before he had reached the door the enemy had taken possession of it, and held up his gun to prevent his going out, and said with an oath, "There, I've got you now." "Not yet," said young Mather, and leaped over the gun and fled. A gun was fired at him, which happily only inflicted a slight wound, and did not hinder his escape. These, with three or four others, were all that escaped. The Tories then entered the

house, and one of the number whose name was Frost, looking up in a threatening manner to the Rev. Moses Mather, who was still standing in the pulpit, said to him, "Come down here, old Daddy." The Rev. Dr. M. knew it would be useless to expostulate with such civilized savages, and therefore obeyed their orders. The Tories carried away the Rev. Dr. M. and two of his sons, and all the men and boys of adult age whom they could find. They also took away forty horses which were found about the church. One lad, a son of Dr. Mather, escaped the enemy by being concealed by the women under the seat. This lad, we believe, is still living a worthy member of the same church which was so mutilated at the time by the rude hand of the Tories. This church and society have probably never recovered from the blow which was then given it. Dea. Jos. Mather lived some years after the Revolution, and was blessed with ten children, all of whom were professedly pious, and all but two have had families. When Dea. M. died he left ten children—forty-five grand children—forty-eight great-grand-children—and one great-great-grand-child, in all *one hundred and four*. He also left twenty-five descendants in law. Seventeen of his descendants and four of his descendants in-law, had died before him.

P. & Q.—DR. SAMUEL MATHER, was one of the distinguished medical men of his time in Connecticut, in the town of Windsor. He was born in or near Boston, before the removal of his father to Windsor, about the year 1680. He graduated at Harvard University in the year 1698, and received the Degree of Master of Arts some time after. He studied his pro-

fession with Dr. Hooker of Hartford, and received a license to practice medicine from the Legislature of the State. He was the cotemporary and intimate friend of Elliott and greatly distinguished as a scholar and physician. He died in the year 1746, aged 66 years, and at that time no man stood so high in the public confidence, or had so extensive a medical practice in the State as Dr. Mather. He visited every section of country in a circuit of forty or fifty miles, as a counsellor, and was as greatly venerated for many excellent virtues as for science and skill as a physician. He left a number of descendants who were distinguished men—amongst others, his grandson Dr. Charles Mather, formerly of Windsor, but more recently of the city of Hartford, who was a distinguished and successful accoucher. Dr. Charles Mather died in Hartford in 1822, at the age of 80 years.

R.—The HON. SAMUEL MATHER was born at Northampton, Mass., in the year 1737—was educated at Yale College, and graduated in the year 1756, with high reputation as a gentleman and a scholar. He studied the profession of Medicine with his father at Northampton—commenced the practice of Physic and Surgery at Westfield, Mass., in the year 1759, and was married to Miss Grace Moseley of Westfield in the year 1761. He soon obtained a very extensive practice, and for many years was considered the most skillful and celebrated Physician in the old County of Hampshire. Soon after his marriage, he was commissioned as Justice of the Peace by George III, and was for a long time in early life the Town Clerk and Treasurer of the town of Westfield. Subsequently

he was chosen Representative to the Legislature, and afterwards was appointed Senator and Judge of the County Court, which latter office he held at the time of the far-famed *Shays' Rebellion*. He also acted as Surgeon at the time the Insurgents were dispersed at Springfield, Mass., and with his own hands dressed the wounds of those that were mutilated on that occasion. His whole life was filled up with uncommon activity and untiring zeal in the cause of his country, his family and his God. He died at Westfield in the year 1808.

S.—DOCT. ELISHA MATHER.—Both the father and grandfather of Dr. Mather were natives of Northampton, and the former was a very eminent physician. It is subject of much regret that we have not biographical notices of these distinguished men. The subject of the subjoined notice, DR. ELISHA MATHER, was born at Northampton, Mass., in the year 1792, and died on the 24th of April 1840, aged 48 years. He was a judicious and respectable practitioner. He joined the Massachusetts Medical Society in the year 1824, and was a Counsellor and Censor in it for many years. He continued his fellowship till the time of his death. The Hampshire Gazette, published at Northampton, gives the following notice of him—“In noticing the death of this good man and physician, it is not our object to analyze particularly his character or describe minutely the elements of which it was composed, but generally to bear testimony to his high standing in his profession, and the excellency of his character. Dr. Mather was undoubtedly, more self-taught than most of his professional brethren.

He was indebted to his talents, his industry, and his application, for the rank which he attained. In all the various branches of his profession he was entitled to entire confidence. With the structure and functions of the different parts of the human system, he was most intimately acquainted, and seldom surpassed in accuracy of anatomical knowledge. His practice was invariably founded upon physiological and pathological principles. He always thoroughly investigated the cause of diseases and applied his remedy accordingly—and though the public as a mass may not have awarded him that reputation as a physician to which he is justly entitled, those most competent to judge of his qualifications (the medical profession) have duly appreciated his great worth. In his deportment he was neither forbidding nor imposing. Brethren could always approach him without being apprehensive that they should be overpowered by his feelings of superiority. In his domestic relations he was greatly endeared. His conduct in his family was marked by the greatest purity and tenderness, and he here experienced his greatest happiness. As a Christian he was exemplary and no one doubts that he fully possessed the leading characteristics of a Christian character."





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